

REMARKS

Amendments to The Specification

Applicant has amended the paragraph under “Related Applications” on page 1 to add reference to United States application 09/560,855 (“the ‘855 application”), filed April 28, 2000, from which the instant application claims priority.

Applicant has amended page 4, lines 10–17 and page 26, lines 19–32 to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(d), to include reference to each of the sequences by use of a sequence identifier, preceded by “SEQ ID NO:”. Support for the sequence identifier numbers is found in the paper copy of the substitute Sequence Listing, submitted herewith. Applicant has also amended page 26, lines 19–32 to correct inadvertent typographical errors.

Applicant has replaced the original Sequence Listing found on pages 33–36 of the specification with the substitute paper copy of the Sequence Listing, pages 1–11, submitted herewith. The substitute copy of the Sequence Listing was originally submitted on July 9, 2001 in the ‘855 application (the parent of the instant application), from which this application claims the benefit of priority. The computer readable form in the instant application is identical to that filed on July 9, 2001 in the ‘855 application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), applicant requests that the Patent Office use the July 9, 2001 computer readable form of the Sequence Listing to generate a computer readable form copy of the Sequence Listing for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent Office will make the necessary changes in the application number and filing date for the computer readable form copy that will be used for the instant application.

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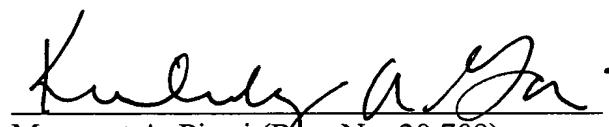
Claims 1–20 are pending.

Applicant has amended the claims to correct typographical errors and/or to improve their form.

None of the amendments constitutes new matter.

Applicants request favorable consideration of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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